

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 483
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pearl Allen Bryant on the celebration of her 95th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Allen Bryant will celebrate her 95th birthday on May 17, 2003, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of the late Eugene and Daisy Allen, Mrs. Bryant was born and raised in Nashville and is a highly respected member of her community; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 1927 graduating class of Pearl High School, Mrs. Bryant received her Bachelor's degree from Fisk University and her Master of Education degree from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, upon her graduation from college, Pearl Allen Bryant commenced employment as an instructor at Mississippi Industrial College; however, just one year later, she sought employment in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for the next 25 years, Mrs. Bryant served with acumen and alacrity as a Senior Probation Officer for the Davidson County Juvenile Court, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work and her dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement from her post as Senior Probation Officer, Pearl Allen Bryant served as a teacher in the Hickman County school system for 15 years; she also served as a Dormitory Supervisor at Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a remarkably talented musician, Mrs. Bryant taught piano lessons for 50 years and served as the Pianist and Choir Director of Friendship Baptist Church for 33 years; and

WHEREAS, even while serving on the staffs of various Nashville churches, Pearl Allen Bryant has remained active in her home congregation, Clark Memorial United Methodist Church; she has served the church as Supervisor of Adult Ministries, and as a member of the Administrative Board and the Sanctuary Choir; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryant is an extremely sensitive and civic-minded individual; a Life Member of the NAACP and of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, she has maintained her affiliation with the American Association of University Women, the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the local and national chapters of Church Women United, the American Association of Retired Persons, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Lotophage's Club, the Fine Arts Club of Nashville, the Matrons Progressive Club, and the Good Will Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards or accolades, Pearl Allen Bryant has received the Sojourner Truth Award from the Nashville Chapter of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. and was selected to serve as a member of the Coalition of 100 Black Women and as a panelist for the Sister to Sister Conference; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryant enjoyed many years of wedded bliss with the late Joseph Bryant, and the couple's blessed union produced five children, Captain Joseph Bryant, Yvonne Bryant, Andre Bryant, Yolande Bryant, and Coleridge T. Bryant; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. Bryant approaches her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society who strives to do unto others as she would have them do unto her; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Mrs. Pearl Allen Bryant on the celebration of her 95th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for her continued happiness and success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.